Lanka within the frame work of the unity and territorial integrity of that country. The Government is also of the firm belief that the ethnic issue is an internal matter for Sri Lanka to resolve. It is the policy of the Government not to interfere in the internal affairs of other countries.

(b) Does not arise.

People of Indian origin leaving Indonesia

3290. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of businessmen and other people of Indian origin have left Indonesia since the recent outbreak of violence and rioting in that country; and

(b) if so, to what extent Indian business has been affected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) It is true that quite a few Indian nationals based in Indonesia chose to leave Indonesia in the wake of the recent outbreak of violence and rioting. However, most of these persons were dependents and family members. As such, the Indian businesses in Indonesia have been affected only marginally.

Construction of Missile Boat by Pakistan

3291. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Pak building missible boat with Chinese assistance" as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated 2nd May, 1998;

(b) if so, whether the construction of missile boat by Pak has created tension in the region;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to have discussion with Chinese/Pakistani counterparts on this issue; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Government have seen reports regarding the construction of a missile boat by Pakistan with China's assistance. Government have made it clear that such developments pose a threat to India's security and are not conducive to the maintenance of peace and stability in the region.

(c) and (d) Government have consistently indicated India's willingness to engage in a constructive dialogue with Pakistan on all issues, including on "peace and security" issues, based on mutual respect and regard for each other concerns. Government have also conveyed to the Chinese side our concern arising from the profiferted environment in our region and the importance of paying adequate attention to each other's concerns on vital issues affecting each other's security and territorial integrity.

China's Observations on Jammu and Kashmir

3292. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the Foreign Minsters' Conference of five Permanent Members of the Security Council, China, who chaired the meet at Geneva on June 4, 1998, observed that Kashmir issue was central to the crisis in south Asia; and

(b) if so, • the outcome of the deliberations on this issue and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:) (a) and (b) The Joint Communique issued at the end of the meeting of five permanent members of the Security Council in Geneva on 4th June 1998 encouraged India and Pakistan to find